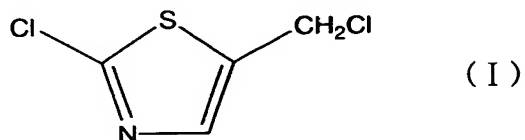


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole represented by the
5 formula (I):



by distillation of a crude product thereof, comprising treating
10 the crude product with a lower alcohol before the distillation.
The present purification process is a new one for purifying
2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole, suitable for
industrial practice.